

IN SENATE
OF
THE UNITED STATES,

MARCH 9, 1818.

The Committee of Claims, to whom was referred the memorial of John Hall, praying that Congress may pass a law authorizing the allowance of one hundred and fifty doubloons, in the settlement of his accounts at the Navy Department, which he states to have been robbed from him,

REPORT:

That in the year 1815, as appears by the memorial of your petitioner, he was a major of the marine corps of the United States, on board the American squadron, then stationed in the Mediterranean, and was ordered to repair to Marseilles to purchase clothing for the marines under his command. In compliance with this order, he sailed to Marseilles in the U. States' schr. Hornet, and after he arrived there, he carried his money, with which he was to purchase his clothing, on shore, and deposited it in the trunk of Mr. James H. Clarke, a purser in the United States' service, who lodged at a public hotel. The petitioner occupied the same room with Mr. Clarke. On the night of the 3d December, he was robbed of one hundred and fifty doubloons by some person who was not known, but supposed to be the servant of Mr. Clarke, a Neapolitan. To prove these facts, the memorialist refers to certificates of major Samuel Archer, of the United States' army; John Martin Baker, esq. United States' consul at the Balearick Islands; the United States' consul at Marseilles, and the police officers of that city, all which accompany this report.

The committee are of opinion, that even if all the facts were positively proven by the evidence submitted, (which they conceive are not,) that it would be improper to grant relief in cases similar to this. The utmost prudence and precaution ought to have been used on the part of the memorialist, which does appear to be the fact. The money might have been deposited in the hands of the landlord, who would have been responsible for its redelivery.

Your committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.

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STATEMENT of Small Arms, to which the several States and Territories are entitled, according to the last returns of the Militia; the number received by the Executive authorities, with the deficit and overplus of the respective proportions.

States and Territories.	Proportion of 62,606 muskets, according to returns.	Received by the executives.	Less than the proportion.	More.	Settlements have been made with the following states.	Remarks.
New Hampshire - - - -	2,136	1,400	736	-	New Hampshire.	Settlement effected with the state of New Hampshire, up to the 1st January, 1816, and a balance of 736 stands of arms delivered to said state, agreeably to the foregoing apportionment.
Massachusetts - - - -	5,935	3,100	2,835	-	Massachusetts.	Settlement is also made with the state of Massachusetts, up to the 1st January, 1816, and a balance of 2,835 stands of arms was delivered that state, conformably to the foregoing apportionment.
Vermont - - - - -	1,738	2,500	-	762	Vermont.	Settlement was made with the state of Vermont, and it was ascertained that said state had received 762 stands of arms more than its quota, up to the 1st January, 1816.
Rhode Island - - - -	708	2,000	-	1,292	-	It is expected a settlement will speedily be effected with the state of Rhode Island.
Connecticut - - - -	1,571	2,000	-	429	-	No report from the executive of this state.
New York - - - - -	8,153	16,012	-	7,859	New York.	Settlement effected with the state of New York, up to the 1st January, 1816, and said state had received 1,359 stands of arms more than its apportionment.
New Jersey - - - - -	3,171	3,155	16	-	-	In train of settlement.
Pennsylvania - - - -	8,529	4,258	4,271	-	-	An officer of this department has been directed and instructed to make as speedy a settlement of arms with the state of Pennsylvania, as the nature of the business will permit.
Delaware - - - - -	639	1,650	-	1,011	-	-
Maryland - - - - -	2,762	4,000	-	1,238	-	No report from the executive of the state of Maryland of arms delivered that state.
Virginia - - - - -	7,193	3,244	3,949	-	-	Difficulties have occurred in settling the account with Virginia; but the executive has been informed, that in the interval, arms, if required, will be furnished by the Department of Ordnance.
North Carolina - - - -	3,708	2,180	1,528	-	-	A settlement, it is expected, has ere this, been made with North Carolina.
South Carolina - - - -	2,763	2,000	763	-	-	It is also presumed a settlement has been effected with the state of South Carolina.
Georgia - - - - -	2,358	3,000	-	642	-	A division of artillery is preparing for the state of Georgia, to be charged to its general account.
Kentucky - - - - -	4,266	1,500	2,766	-	-	The state of Kentucky has received 1,200 stands of arms since the foregoing apportionment was struck. A number of military stores have been delivered to the state of Kentucky since the foregoing apportionment, but no final settlement of arms has been effected.
Tennessee - - - - -	2,504	1,500	1,004	-	-	No report from the executive of this state.
Ohio - - - - -	3,155	3,000	155	-	-	In a train of settlement.
Louisiana, (no return of militia)	-	3,250	-	3,250	-	No report from the executive of Louisiana.
District of Columbia - -	192	2,200	-	2,008	-	-
Mississippi Territory - -	454	-	454	-	-	No report from the Mississippi Territory.
Indiana Territory - - -	430	-	430	-	-	No report from the Indiana Territory.
Illinois Territory, (no return of militia)	-	657	-	657	-	No report from the Illinois Territory.
Missouri Territory - - -	241	-	241	-	-	It is expected a settlement will be effected with this Territory shortly.
Michigan Territory, (no return of militia)	-	-	-	-	-	No report from the executive of this Territory.

It is necessary to observe, that the several states have received arms and military stores generally, previous to the 1st January, 1816, the receipts for which, do not express under what law delivered.

Where a state has received more than its proportion, under the law of 1808, it is intended to carry the balance to the quota which may be assigned to it subsequent to the 1st January, 1816.

Ordnance Department, February 19, 1818.

G. BOMFORD, Lt. Col. of Ordnance.

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STATEMENT of the Militia of the United States, taken from the latest Returns of States and Territories, and upon which was predicated the apportionment of Arms to the different States, under the law of April, one thousand eight hundred and eight, a statement of which accompanies this return.

<i>States and Territories.</i>	<i>Date of return.</i>	<i>Aggregate.</i>
New Hampshire	1813	24,902
Massachusetts	1815	69,175
Vermont	1809	20,259
Rhode Island	1814	8,255
Connecticut	1815	18,309
New York	1814	95,026
New Jersey	1815	36,966
Pennsylvania	1812	99,414
Delaware	1813	7,448
Maryland	1811	32,189
Virginia	1815	83,847
North Carolina	1815	43,217
South Carolina	1815	32,202
Georgia	1815	27,480
Kentucky	1815	49,719
Tennessee	1812	29,193
Ohio	1814	36,771
Louisiana. (No return)	—	—
District of Columbia	1812	2,252
Mississippi Territory	1812	5,291
Indiana Territory	1814	5,010
Illinois Territory. (No return)	—	—
Missouri Territory	1814	2,812
Michigan Territory. (No return)	—	—
		729,737

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A STATEMENT of the number and species of arms manufactured, and the number and species of arms repaired, at the National Armories, and also, the moneys expended at those works; exhibiting a view of the whole, from the period of their first establishment, and according to accounts received, and on record in the Department of Ordnance. January, 1818.

Armory, Harper's Ferry, Va.						Armory, Springfield, Mass.					
Years.	Muskets made.	Muskets repaired.	Rifles made.	Pistols made.	Total amount expended, including purchases, buildings, repairs, &c.	Years.	Muskets manufactured.	Muskets repaired.	Carbines manufactured.	Total amount of expenditures, including purchases, buildings, repairs, &c.	
1798, & 1800	-	-	-	-	\$59,908 32	1795	245	-	-	\$4,495 75	
1801	293	-	-	-	27,201 81	1796	838	-	-	15,392 25	
1802	1,472	-	-	-	29,334 33	1797	1,028	-	-	18,863 80	
1803	1,048	-	-	-	28,697 58	1798	1,044	-	-	19,157 40	
1804	161	-	780	-	31,313 71	1799	4,595	-	-	84,299 23	
1805	-	-	1,716	-	31,262 17	1800	4,862	-	-	64,924 94	
1806	136	-	1,381	-	41,908 80	1801	3,205	-	-	50,328 94	
1807	50	-	146	2,892	40,631 28	1802	4,358	-	-	30,142 55	
1808	3,051	-	-	1,208	104,952 63	1803	4,775	-	-	32,459 74	
1809	7,348	-	-	-	158,835 13	1804	3,566	-	-	43,312 64	
1810	9,400	691	-	-	145,042 30	1805	3,535	-	-	45,937 25	
1811	10,000	1,392	-	-	139,707 59	1806	2,018	-	-	42,674 01	
1812	10,200	2,113	-	-	161,772 01	1807	5,692	-	-	55,304 64	
1813	9,000	612	-	-	183,663 93	1808	5,870	-	-	103,174 71	
1814	10,400	548	1,600	-	144,010 81	1809	7,070	1,086	600	122,469 31	
1815	5,239	-	1,469	-	125,335 82	1810	9,700	1,406	602	131,556 47	
1816	6,416	23	2,052	-	227,286 87	1811	12,020	-	-	114,151 26	
1817	8,513	-	2,726	-	177,533	1812	10,140	-	-	139,340 07	
						1813	6,920	11,105	-	104,958 48	
						1814	9,585	5,475	-	102,632 64	
						1815	7,279	21,145	-	151,456 37	
						1816	7,199	5,129	-	155,951 65	
						1817	13,015	454	-	187,138 08	
Total,	82,727	5,379	11,870	4,100	\$1,858,398 09	Total,	128,559	45,800	1,202	\$1,820,122 18	

REMARKS.

The amount expended at this armory in 1817, is - \$177,533
 Muskets manufactured - 8,513
 Rifles manufactured, 2,726, equal in labor, to - 3,770
Total number of muskets, 12,283

In order to ascertain the precise cost of each musket, the following deduction should be made:

Probable amount of expenditures for repairing mill dam, laborers employed thereat, &c. - 2,500

Actual expenditure. Dolls. - 175,033

From the above deduction being made, it would result, that the actual cost of muskets at this armory, will be, \$14 25 each.
 Stock and tools, and unfinished work on hand, estimated at \$256,000.

REMARKS.

The actual expenditure in the manufacture of arms at this armory, in 1817, - \$187,133 08

In order to ascertain the precise cost of each musket, the following deductions should be made:

For muskets which have been repaired at the armory, in 1817, - \$2,000 00

For inspection of contract arms, by officers of the armory, and by orders of the Ordnance Department, in 1817, - 1,236 68

For making arm chests, - 1,392 00

For manufacturing screw drivers, - 1,040 00

For purchases of additional ground, and building, in 1817, - 4,975 00

10,643 68

Actual expenditure, - \$176,494 40

From the above deductions being made, it would result, that the actual cost of muskets at this armory, will be \$13 56 each.
 The stock on hand, and parts of work done at this armory, is valued at \$111,545 56.

GENERAL REMARK.

It may in addition be remarked, generally, that though the within sums appear to have been expended in the manufacture of arms, making their apparent cost at the rates stated, there were other expenditures at both armories, such as transportation of arms to and from the armory, with other incidental expenses, which have not yet been reported, and which would render the actual cost of the arms still lower. The value of the public buildings, grounds on which they are erected, and the adjacent lands belonging to the national armories, may be estimated to be at least, one hundred thousand dollars each.

Ordnance Department, February 12, 1818.

G. BOMFORD, Lt. Col. of Ordnance.